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GARSTENAUER et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the captioned application and prior to calculation of the fees, please preliminarily amend the application as follows pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.115:

In the specification:

At page 1, in the center of the top of the page, please insert the title "VARIABLE HYDRAULIC VALVE DRIVE".

At page 1, in the center of the page between the above inserted title and the first full paragraph, please insert the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION".

At page 2, in the center of the page between the fourth full paragraph and the fifth full paragraph, please insert the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION".

At page 4, in the center of the page between the fourth full paragraph and the fifth full paragraph, please insert the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING".

At page 5, in the center of the top of the page above the first full paragraph, please insert the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION".

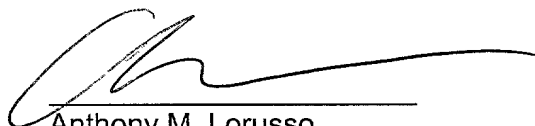
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have added titles to each section of the present application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.77.

FEE STATEMENT

A fee of \$1100.00 is submitted herewith. It is believed that no additional fees are currently due. However, in the event of any fee deficiency or overpayment, authorization is hereby granted to charge such deficiency or credit such overpayment to deposit account #12-2147.

Respectfully Submitted
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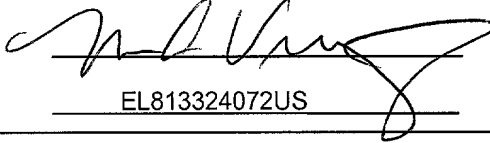
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